

# BOISE BENCH LIONS

October 8, 2025

Every Wednesday at Casa Mexico at Noon



Pres. Rick, speaker Ken, Program chair Lion Kim

Ken Harris from the ID Blues Society entertained us and taught us about the Blues. The non-profit all-volunteer organization was formed in 1992 as the Boise Blues Society. In 2025, it transitioned to the ID Blues Society to cover the entire state. Ken Harris is the volunteer coordinator for Blues in the Schools. They just made a trip up to Grangeville. They hired a couple local musicians and played and taught blues in the schools in that area. Blues music is over 100 yrs. old. It started in the southeast and was the homeland music of the slaves from Africa. Ken played his harmonica and showed the difference in sound when you blow the chord or intake the chord. The intake chord was a whole different sound that we recognize today. He played his Melodica which is an art form for bending the notes which a regular keyboard cannot do. There are tons of Blues forms of music. You can YouTube the St. Louis Blues. Or listen to 89.9 Best Blues Radio on Mondays from 5-10pm. Is it Blues Rock or Rock Blues, that depends on who you ask. Robert Johnson made 2 records in 1936, according to Ken he was the most influential for early rock and roll. He said the English rock bands from the 60's had heard the early Blues bands in America, and they brought the Blues back to America. Lots of the rock and roll bands were inspired by the Bluesy sound. Jimmy Hendrix loved the Blues. Did he play Blues rock or Rock blues? Check out [radioboise.org](http://radioboise.org) and [boiseblues.org](http://boiseblues.org) for more information.

**Members:** 41

**Attendance:** Lion Larry Kidd but he was playing softball down south.

**Save the Date:** Next Lions and friends social at Veer Wine Project October 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:30.

**Guest:** Lion Kim's friend Lorena who turned in an application. Yahoo!

**Next Zoo Boise** clean-up Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> from 9-11.



**Save the Date:** October 14<sup>th</sup> from 12-2 volunteer at the ID Foodbank. Sign up with your account or call Jane at 208.830.0454. Or come on over and lend a hand. Please wear closed toe shoes.

**Scarf Bomb Project:** Calling all knitters and crocheters. Is that a word? Start your scarves to be placed in strategic areas for people to stay warm. If you have questions, email **Lion LaDawn** at [newkidds@msn.com](mailto:newkidds@msn.com)



**We really need Vision and Hearing screeners** for Wednesday October 23<sup>rd</sup> at Anser Charter School. Email [boisebenchlions@gmail.com](mailto:boisebenchlions@gmail.com) if you can help. There are two shifts, setup at 8am. Screen from 8:30-noon and 12:45 -3:30. There is time for training if needed.





## Calendar of Events

**October 13** – BB Lions Board meeting at Envision at 6pm

**October 14** – Volunteer at the ID Foodbank from 12-2

**October 15** – Kelly Eisenbarger, Ex. Dir. for Boise Hive

**October 16** – Lions and Friends social at Veer Wine Project at 4:30

**October 18** – Zoo Boise clean-up

**October 20** – Park Cleanup at Molenaar and Hobble Creek from 10-12

**October 22** – Shmuel Kahike, Congregation Ahavath Beth Israel in Boise

**October 22** – Vision and Hearing Screening at Anser Charter School

**October 23** – Vision and Hearing Screening at Anser Charter School

**October 23** – Ronald McDonald House – lunch, baking and cleaning from 10-12

**October 29** – District Governor Peggy Hess, Snake River Lions, District 39W

**Pres. Rick's quotes:** When we focus on our gratitude, the tide of disappointment goes out and the tide of love rushes in.  
Kristin Armstrong

Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Melody Beattie

Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all the others. Marcus Tullius Cicero



### October Birthdays:

Ron Parker 10/4

Darlene Storck 10/7

Henry Cardinale 10/14

Larry Locklear 10/23

Corrine Henke 10/29

**Lion Aarda** stepped in for **Lion Angel** with some questions:

1. Who performed the 1962 single "Monster Mash"?
2. The epic music video for Michael Jackson's "Thriller" was directed by the filmmaker who also helmed which epic movie?
3. According to a 2021 survey, what percentage of Americans say they believe in ghosts?

**Random Thoughts:** Sometimes I just want to throw cow poop at people to fertilize them so they will grow up.

Yes, I have OCD. Old, Cranky and Dangerous.

Some people are not just missing a screw. The whole toolbox is missing!

Why does toilet paper need an ad? Who's not going to buy it.



Please keep **Lion Helmi** in your thoughts and prayers. She took a bad fall and spent some time in the hospital and is now in rehab. Her son is coming tomorrow with the hope of taking her home. Sending you healing vibes and love!



**Anser Charter School Vision and Hearing Screening** 202 E 42nd, Garden City. Dates: **Wednesday Oct 22 and Thursday Oct 23**. Two shifts each day, set up at 8 am, screen at 8:30 to noon, and 12:45 to 3:30 (there is time for training on the equipment.) We will be screening about 175 students in 1st, 3rd and 6th grades along with new students. Equipment: 4 portable audiometers and two Plusoptix electronic vision screeners. We have several experienced Lions who will be there to help with training and screening. You can see the training videos on the Boise Bench Lions YouTube channel. Please sign up at a meeting or email Lion Curt at [boisebenchlions@gmail.com](mailto:boisebenchlions@gmail.com)



**Lion Kari** with her mom on the beach at Seaside.



**Lion Larry Kidd** getting ready at 3<sup>rd</sup> base at the Huntsman World Games.



**Lion Frank** and friends serving the dinner meal at Interfaith last Wednesday.

- Answers to Lion Aarda's questions:**
1. Bobby "Boris" Pickett & the Crypt-Kickers
  2. The Blues Brothers
  3. 41 percent



**Lion Esteban** and Ken Harris playing for us. They are members of the ID Peace Band.

